



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Filing Date: November 30, 2001  
Applicant: Curtsinger  
Group Art Unit: 3724  
Examiner: Ghassem Alie  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PROTECT  
SAW BLADE TIPS  
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**SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW PURSUANT TO MPEP 713.04**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2003, an amendment has been filed on March 10, 2004. On April 7, 2004, a personal interview was conducted with the Examiner Ghassem Alie and the Supervisory Patent Examiner Allan Shoap to discuss the amendment filed on March 10, 2004. During the interview, Applicant submitted that the combination of Hill and Curry is improper and further submitted that all limitations of the claims were not met. The Examiner and his Supervisory Patent Examiner agreed that the patent to Hill did not appear to be applicable to the claims as

presented. The Examiner further agreed that reconsideration of the proposed amendment would be made.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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